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Soviet Infiltration of CIA Denied After Charge Stirs House Debate

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WASHINGTON—Authoritative U.S. sources Thursday flatly denied charges that known Russian spies have "penetrated" the Central Intelligence Agency.

The denial came after debate flared in the House in the wake of a defense of the CIA by Rep. Leslie C. Arends of Illinois, the assistant House Republican leader.

Arends, the ranking GOP member of an armed services "watchdog" subcommittee on the CIA, denounced "wild accusations" against the agency.

He said that newspaper stories about information supposedly given by Michael Goleniewski, a Polish defector,

"are not correct." The articles, by Guy Richards, first appeared in the New York Journal American.

But an hour after Arends completed his speech, Chairman Michael A. Feighan (D-O.) of a House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, told the House it is time "that Congress obtained the full story of Russian penetration of our government."

Feighan said that what Arends left out about the Goleniewski case "is far more important than what he said." Feighan then asked these questions:

Is it not true that he (Goleniewski) revealed deep penetration into the CIA by the Soviet KGB (the Russian

intelligence and police agency)?

"Is it not true that a million dollars of CIA funds fell into the hands of the KGB and that \$400,000 of that money was pumped back into the Communist party of this country?"

"Is it not true that he named Russian agents in the State Department and the CIA, and that to date none of these have been arrested?"

Arends did not touch specifically on these questions in his speech.

But an authoritative source later said the answer to all three of Feighan's inquiries is "no."

Arends said he knew from his vantage point on the

watchdog committee that the CIA is doing a good job.

He criticized Rep. John V. Lindsay (R-N.Y.) for a magazine article in which Lindsay questioned some CIA activities and endorsed creation of a joint congressional committee to maintain closer supervision of the agency.

Feighan also supported the joint committee suggestion.

When Arends finished, Lindsay asked him to debate the issue. But Arends walked out of the chamber.

Lindsay said that Arends, by "pretending nothing is there," was "playing ostrich" with the issue.

Set U.S. Policy

Lindsay accused the CIA in his magazine article of attempting to set government policy of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

"This accusation . . . is not founded in fact," Arends told the House.

Lindsay told the House there was evidence that U.S. agencies in the past "were pulling in separate directions" in South Vietnam.

"This kind of fiasco will continue," he said, "and unless Congress does something to double check the . . . CIA, no one else will do it."

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